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FIGARO SIXTH CARRIES NICOLAS CHATELAIN ARTICLE UNDER WASHINGTON DATELINE HEADED "US WILL DISCREETLY SUPPLY ARMS TO ISRAEL." ARTICLE BY PAPER'S WASHINGTON STAFFER WHO IS SOMEWHAT ERRATIC, FLATLY ASSERTS USG HAS RELUCTANTLY TAKEN DECISION SUPPLY ARMS
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TO ISRAEL (AND CERTAIN ARAB STATES) ALTHOUGH NOT IN QUANTITIES REQUESTED BY ISRAELIS. CHATELAIN QUALIFIES ALLEGED DECISION AS NEA DEVELOPMENT, POINTING TO PREVIOUS AMERICAN POLICY FAVORING WEUROPEANS AS PRINCIPAL ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLIERS.

VIEW PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS WITH GOF ON DEVELOPMENTS (DEPTEL 4075 AND EMBTEL 4481), FRENCH ROLE IN AREA, QUAI'S INTEREST IN HARRIMAN MISSION OF WHICH DEPT AWARE (DEPTEL 4398) AND WIDE-SPREAD PRESS SPECULATION, EMBASSY DEEMS IT DESIRABLE FILL IN FRENCH SOONEST, PERHAPS ALONG LINES REFTEL IF DEPT WILL REMOVE NOFORN OR OTHERWISE INSTRUCT. GP-3. BOHLEN
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